(3) AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULES IV, V AND VI TO THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919 (MADRAS ACT IV OF 1919).

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I beg to move—

' *that the draft amendments* [a] *to the Madras City Municipal Act,* 1919 *(Madras Act IV of* 1919) *which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section* 347 (5) *of the Madras City Municipal Act,* 1919 *(Madras Act IV of* 1919) *be approved.*' "

The motion was put and carried.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(4) THE POLICE (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO 38 OF 1947)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. the Finance Minister."

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am moving it on behalf of the Hon. the Finance Minister. I am in charge of it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" He is here. I suppose there will be no point of order about the Bill being moved by another Minister while the Minister in whose name it stands is here."

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If there is any such thing, the Hon. Minister may leave the Chamber, Sir.

" Sir, I beg to move—

' *that the Police (Madras Amendment) Bill,* 1947 [b] *(L.A. Bill No.* 38 *of* 1947), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" This Bill is intended to amend section 15-A of the Police Act, 1861. Section 15 of the Act says that it shall be lawful for the Provincial Government under certain circumstances to notify any particular area as a disturbed area. Section 15-A says :

> ' If in any area in regard to which any proclamation notified under the last preceding section is in force, death or grievous hurt or loss of, or damage to, property has been caused by or has ensued from the misconduct of the inhabitants of such area or any class or section of them, it shall be lawful for any person, being an inhabitant of such area, who claims to have suffered injury from such misconduct to make, within one month from the date of the injury or such shorter period as may be prescribed, an application for compensation to the Magistrate of the district or of the subdivision of a district within which such area is situated.'

" Sir, compensation can be claimed only if the area is notified beforehand as a disturbed area. Suppose, Sir, unfortunately something happens in Madras to-day. It has not been declared a disturbed area, so nobody can claim any compensation. What is proposed to do is to omit the words ' in regard to which any proclamation notified under the last preceding section is in force ' so that anybody who suffers loss on account of rioting, unlawful assembly and so on may claim compensation. It need not necessarily be in a notified area. A man may reside in Madras and something may happen to his property in Vaniyambadi. Now the owner will not be able to claim compensation because he is not an inhabitant of the particular area. It is proposed to remove the

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a Printed as Appendix V on pages 297–305 infra.

b Printed as Appendix VI on page 305 infra.